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VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

With the freſheſt Advices, Foreign and Domeſtic.

A ſhort ENTERTAINMENT.

IT is ſomewhere recorded, that *Cobilon*, the *Lacedemonian*, being ſent to *Corinth*, with a Commiſſion to conclude a Treaty of Friendſhip and Alliance, when he ſaw the Captains and Senators of that City playing at Dice, return'd home without doing any Thing, ſaying, "That he would not ſo much ſully the Glory of the *Spartans*, as that it ſhould be ſaid they had made a *League* with *Gameſters*."—— *Hence it ſhould ſeem this honeſt Heathen took every Man addicted to Gaming for a Fool or a Knave, and therefore reſolved to have no Dealings with ſuch, as neither Character could be dependid on.*

The Perniciouſneſs of *Gaming* was ſo well underſtood by the Grand Impoſtor, *Mahomet*, that he thought it neceſſary to prohibit it *expreſly* in the *Alcoran*; not as a Thing in itſelf *naturally* evil, but only *morally* ſo, as it is a Step to the greateſt Vices; for whilſt we captivate ourſelves to Chance, we loſe the Authority over our Paſſions, being excited to immoderate Deſire, exceſſive Hope, Joy and Grief; we ſtand or fall at the uncertain Caſt of the Dice, or the turning up of a Card; we are Slaves to the feebleſt Wiſhes, which, if they ſucceed not, we grow furious, profligate and impious; baniſhing all Prudence, Temperance and Juſtice, we become impudent, and fit for the blackeſt Crimes. *If Chriſtians have not Humility enough to conform to the Rule of Life laid down in* Holy Writ, *let them at leaſt have Pride enough to be ſhamed out of this deteſtable Vice by the Example of* Pagans *and* Mahometans.

TRIPOLY, July 30.

MR. White, the new Conſul from England, is arrived here from London, and has given to the Bafhaw, and the Members of the Divan, the Preſents which were ſent them by his Britannick Majeſty.—— The Crew of a Malteſe Ship lately made a Deſcent at Soara upon the Coaſt of this State, where they ſpread a great Terror, and carried off twenty-ſeven Moors who were working in the Salt-Pits.

Baſtia, Aug. 3. The Deputies of the Corſicans and the Attornies of the reſpective Pieves repaired the 25th to San Fiorenzo, purſuant to the Convocatory Letters they had receiv'd from M. Chauvelin. The next Day they all met at the Convent of Oletto near that Town, when the ſaid Miniſter imparted to them the Intentions of the King his Maſter, and the Arrangements his Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty had judg'd propereſt for eſtabliſhing and maintaining the Tranquillity of the Iſland.

The firſt Inſtant there was a new Meeting at the ſame Place, when the Deputies and Attornies of the Corſicans acknowledged the Sovereignty of the Republick, and ſwore upon the Holy Goſpels to ſubmit to her upon the Terms which his Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty had been pleaſed to preſcribe to them. And thus was this Affair terminated, which has made ſo much Noiſe. The Conditions preſcrib'd by the King are not yet known, but it is expected they will be publiſh'd in a few Days.

Conſtantinople, Aug. 4. Above 70,000 People have already been deſtroyed by the Plague in this City and the neighbouring Iſlands, nor do its Ravages in the leaſt abate, though we comforted ourſelves in ſuch a happy Conſequence of the late terrible Conflagration on the 19th ult. by which 4000 Houſes were laid in Aſhes. The Imperial Envoy has, by Inſtruction, deſired our Miniſtry not to be offended at any ſtrict Precautions uſed on the Borders to prevent the Communication of ſuch a dreadful Evil; to which he had this ſatisfactory Anſwer, that no Precautions which were expedient could be too ſtrict.

Brunſwick, Aug. 6. There has been lately diſcovered, in the Neighbourhood of Blanckenbourg, a Quarry of very fine Marble, of a whitiſh Colour, with Streaks of a pale Red. Several Experiments have already been made with it, not only here, but at Berlin; and as it appears in every Reſpect as good and uſeful as the Italian, there is great Reaſon to believe we ſhall have a conſiderable Demand for it throughout all Germany.

Rome, Aug. 8. We daily receive freſh and moſt diſmal Accounts of the Damage occaſion'd by the late Earthquake in the Eccleſiaſtical State: Two Thirds of the City of Gualdo are deſtroyed, including the Prioral Palace, the Secretary's Office, the Chamber of Archieves, four Convents and the publick Schools; and a great Number of Perſons have periſhed. ——We are under dreadful Apprehenſions of the ſame Kind: In the Mountains of Ombria a prodigious Noiſe is heard, accompanied ſometimes with Claps like thoſe occaſion'd by the Diſcharge of Cannon.

Milan, Aug. 10. We have lately been diverted here with an Inſtance of the imaginative Power of Love. The young Wife of one of our Plumbs being paſſionately enamour'd with a Jemmy Spark, of that Order whoſe Motto is *Vivitur Ingenio*, contrived a pretty odd Expedient to get rid of her Huſband, who watched her too narrowly for any favourable Interval with her Gallant; however, ſhe one Day found Means to get out; ſhe ran to the Chief Juſtice, and, after a cajoling Preamble of the Conflict between Love to her Huſband and Duty to the State, ſhe declared, that her Huſband made it his Practice to go out in the Night, and never failed to return in the Morning, with a Booty of Silver hilted Swords, Snuff Boxes, and other Things of Value; and that ſhe had often intreated him to forbear ſuch infamous and dangerous Doings; but Succeſs had deafened him to all ſhe could ſay. The Magiſtrate giving Credit to the artful Diſſimulation of this Informer, had the Huſband ſecured and impriſoned that very Evening. The Wife, in the mean Time, was not wanting to take Opportunity by the Forelock. The Huſband, upon Examination the next Day, had no great Difficulty to clear himſelf; but his Impriſonment had not ſtunned him more, than he was, at his Return home, to find his Coffers broke open, and his Wife eloped. The Officers of Juſtice, and ſeveral private Perſons, are out upon the Hunt after theſe Adventurers.

Bonneville, Aug. 13. The 31ſt of laſt Month, about Two o'Clock in the Afternoon, the Rock in the Mountain of Plainejou, near the Pariſh of Paſſy, ſunk down ſo ſuddenly, that the Quantities of Earth which came tumbling down at the ſame Time from the Mountain, conſiderably damaged the neighbouring Habitations, where ſix Perſons were cruſh'd to Death, with about thirty Head of Cattle. Soon after the Rock's ſinking the whole Mountain was cover'd with Aſhes and Cinders; and out of the Rock there iſſued two Columns of thick Smoak, about a Quarter of a Mile diſtant from each other; whence we conjectured that it muſt be full of Bitumen and Sulphur. We ſaw no Flames, but the ſulphureous Scent from the Mountains juſtified our Conjecture. The Rock continued ſinking and crumbling away the following Days, and ſtill continues with a dreadful rumbling Noiſe, and a thick Smoak which is ſometimes black, and ſometimes of a reddiſh Colour. The Pariſhes of Paſſy and Cervos, ſituate at the Foot of the Mountain, will be in Danger of being ruined, whenever the vacant Space at the Foot of the Rock ſhall be filled up by its crumbling away. The Road of Chamonis is alſo in a fair Way of being entirely ſtopp'd up. We don't yet perceive any Flames; but if any Aperture ſhould be made in the Mountain, and the Flames burſt forth through it, as there is Room to fear, we ſhall then ſee two Mountains of a very different Kind, a Volcano at Plainejou, and an Icy Mountain at Chamonis.

Since this Relation has been receiv'd, we hear that the Flames have begun to iſſue at the ſame Apertures with the Smoak; whereupon his Sardinian Majeſty has ſent the ableſt Profeſſors in his Univerſity to examine into this Phenomenon.

Vienna, Aug. 14. The laſt Letters from Hungary adviſe, that the Day the Emperor ſet out for Buda, being in an open Chaiſe, he was obliged, on Account of the Rain, to call for his Great Coat, when, to his great Surprize, he found the Sleeves of it filled with Tobacco, which ſome of his Servants had endeavour'd to ſmuggle by this Means. His Imperial Majeſty could not help laughing at the Expedient, but ſtrictly forwarned all his Servants not to be guilty of any Thing of the ſame Kind for the future.

Extract of a Letter from Utrecht, dated Auguſt 31.

The preſent Circumſtances of publick Affairs indicate to us an approaching War in Europe: The People of Speculation are only in Suſpence to know, whether the Scene will open in the North, between Ruſſia and Sweden, or in the Indies, between Great-Britain and France. Every one judges according to the Lights he has received; but all agree, that a War will break out, and ſuch a one as will become general, and inflame all Europe.

Genoa, September 15. It was Yeſterday determined in Council to make this a free Port for ten Years, and to leſſen conſiderably the Duties upon Goods brought by foreign Ships; and in caſe our Trade ſhould receive as much Benefit from this Regulation, as we flatter ourſelves it will, the Serene Colleges, and the Protectors of the Bank of St. George, are authoriſed to prolong this Term for five Years.

The laſt Advices the Government has received from Corſica are not near ſo favourable as we thought there was Room to hope. Some of the Pieves or Corporations of that Iſland, particularly that of Niolo, openly refuſe to ſubſcribe the new Regulation, alledging, that inſtead of its ſecuring to them the Enjoyment of the Privileges they have ſo long ſollicited, it ſubjects them neither more nor leſs than formerly, to the Authority of the Republick, and the arbitrary Juriſdiction of her Officers. It is even aſſured, that the Inhabitants of that Pieve have gone ſo far as to take up Arms again, and openly declare againſt the Republick; and that the Marqueſs de Grimaldi having ſent a Body of Genoeſe Troops againſt them, ſeveral ſmart Skirmiſhes enſued. Theſe new and unexpected Broils make us fear that the Pains taken to bring the Corſicans to their Duty will prove fruitleſs. Since the Receipt of this Intelligence, the Senate have had ſeveral Meetings; and ſome ſeem to be of Opinion that we had better part from the Iſland for what we can get for it, as it is plain we cannot keep it without the conſtant Aſſiſtance of a foreign Force.

Copenhagen, Sept. 18. A *Swede* is arrived here, who pretends to have diſcover'd the Secret of *walking upon the Water*, which, it's ſaid, he is to make an Eſſay of before the King.

The violent Tempeſts which we have had in this Country for five or ſix Days, have cauſed very great Damages, many Ships having thereby been loſt and drove on Shore.

Paris, Sept. 20. The Penſion which the King has granted to the Marquis de Puyſieux, is of 20,000 Livres; 12,000 whereof are ſettled after his Death, upon his Lady.——When the King came out of his Apartment at Trianon to go to Verſailles, upon the Advice that the Dauphineſs was in Labour, a Soldier of the Swiſs Guards, full of Zeal, and with a good Aſſurance, ſaid to his Majeſty, *Sire, I congratulate your Majeſty: We have*

as furely a Duke of Burgundy as you are King. The King was ſcarcely come within Sight of the Caſtle, when Tidings were brought him that the Dauphineſs was delivered of a Prince. To which his Majeſty ſaid, *I heard that at Trianon.* He has given the Soldier a Penſion which it's aſſured, is not leſs than 2000 Livres.

Paris, Aug. 20. It is whiſper'd in our Coffee-Houſes, and ſome make no Scruple to talk openly of the Deſtination of the Breſt Squadron, which was little thought of: M. du Perrier, ſay they, when he comes off Liſbon, is to make directly for the Azores, where he is to open his Orders, and join fifteen Ships ready built at Canada, whom he is to mann with his Complements, which, for that Reaſon, have been doubled: From thence he is to ſail to the Coaſt of Coromandel, and there eſtabliſh a deciſive Superiority of Military Strength, ſuch as, upon a Rupture with the Engliſh, will carry all the Settlements of that Nation before them: Had the Confirmation of Mr. Dupleix's glorious Succeſſes come before, theſe Speculators ſay, he would have been otherwiſe employ'd; for that the Engliſh, without his additional Reinforcements, would be demoliſh'd before they knew where they were.

Vienna, Sept. 1. The Emperor and Duke Charles of Lorrain being a Hunting, the 26th of laſt Month, in the Neighbourhood of Hollitſch, a moſt dreadful Storm aroſe, accompanied with Hail of ſo large a Size, that moſt of his Imperial Majeſty's Attendants were hurt thereby. The Emperor had but juſt Time enough to reach the Caleſh; but Prince Charles, before he could make up to it, was pretty well bruiſed by the Hail, which drove directly in his Face. The Poſtillion that rode on the fore Horſe of the Caleſh was ſo ſtunn'd with the Hail, that he dropp'd down in ſuch a Condition as leaves but little Hopes of his Recovery. However, the other Attendants made ſhift to get the Caleſh forwards, and his Imperial Majeſty, with Prince Charles, got ſafe at laſt to Hollitſch. Duke Charles is in very good Health, except the Marks the Hail left in his Face, which will wear out in a few Days. After this Storm was over, there was found in the Foreſt of Hollitſch ſo great a Quantity of Hares, Rabbits, Partridges, and other Game, kill'd by the Hail, that ſix Cart Loads of them were pick'd up.

Extract of a Letter from Paris, Sept. 24.

"We wait impatiently for the Return of the Auguſtus from Pondicherry, as we cannot, 'til the Arrival of that Ship, know whether there is any Truth in the Reports lately ſpread in England, concerning the ill Succeſs our Troops have met with in India ſince their great Victory over the late Nabob of Golconda.

Our Advices from the Sea Ports, both in the Mediterranean and the Ocean, take Notice, that they continue to labour diligently toward putting our Marine on a Level with that of the hitherto reputed Maſters of the Main. At Breſt they have within theſe few Days launched a new Ship of 74 Guns, called the Bizarre.

It is reckoned that the Sums which the ſeveral great Cities of the Kingdom had deſtined to publick Rejoicings, on Account of the Birth of the Duke of Burgundy, will ſuffice to marry at leaſt 20,000 poor Maidens, purſuant to the King's Intentions, at the Rate of 600 Livres for a Portion to each.

The Lord Marſhal, Miniſter Plenipotentiary from the King of Pruſſia, diſpatched a few Days ago a Courier to Berlin, at the Iſſue of a Conference he had with the Marquis de Puyſieux and the Marquis de St. Conteſt. At the ſame Time a Courier was ſent away to the Lord Tyrconnel, our Miniſter at the Pruſſian Court.

LONDON.

July 6. Yeſterday was try'd before the Court of King's Bench, a Cauſe, in which the Hon. E — W———, Eſq; was Plaintiff, and two Attornies Defendants. Theſe Men were concerned in forming and carrying into Execution one of the blackeſt Conſpiracies that ever was hatched againſt the Character of a Gentleman long diſtinguiſhed for the moſt unblemiſhed Probity and inviolable Honour. They were Accomplices with P——n and K——e, two infamous Vagrants, who, in Order to extort from this Gentleman a large Sum of Money, entered into a Proſecution againſt him for a Crime of the moſt enormous Kind, at which Nature ſhudders, and from which Mr. W——— was honourably acquitted. P——n made his Eſcape from New Priſon, and N—— and K—— have fled, A—— is now ordered into Cuſtody, and his Bail ſurrendered him in Court. All the Defendants were found guilty, and indeed it is difficult to conceive a Puniſhment ſufficiently ſevere for ſo execrable a Plot. The Courage and Induſtry of Mr. W——— in proſecuting thoſe flagrant Villains cannot be enough admired: He has expoſed his Character a ſecond Time to the Scrutiny of the Publick, and the Cloud of Calumny thrown over his Innocence ſtill diſperſes the more, and he remains in the full Poſſeſſion of his Reputation in Spite of the lying Malice of theſe abandoned Profligates; nor can it be told without Indignation that A——, though in the Preſence of the Court, and a Gentleman whoſe Character he endeavoured to blaſt, behaved with the greateſt Impudence, and a ſhameleſs Front peculiar to himſelf.

July 9. Some Weeks ago, as a Carpenter was coming from the Country pretty late, where he had retired to avoid the Importunity of his Creditors, he happened to pick up upon the Road a Pocket-Book, which, by the Addreſs of ſome Letters contained in it, he found to belong to a Gentleman of great Eminence in the City. There were likewiſe in it Bank Notes to the Amount of 200 l. and next Morning, when he intended to have waited on the Gentleman, he was ſeized by the Bailiffs, carried to a Spunging-Houſe, and from thence to Goal; where he remained till a Compoſition with his Creditors could be effected, with no other Means of Support than common Allowance. As ſoon as he had obtained his Liberty he waited on the Gentleman, to inquire if he had not loſt ſuch a Pocket-Book, who reply'd that he had, but as he did not know the Number of the Notes, he did not care to adverтiſe it chuſing rather to loſe the Money, than to incur the Imputation of Careleſſneſs. The Deſcription he gave of the Pocket-Book was ſatisfactory, and the Carpenter returned it with the Notes. The Gentleman enquired why he had been ſo long in waiting on him; he anſwered, that he had been confined in Goal from the Day after he found it, and did not care to entruſt any Body with the Secret. The Gentleman could ſcarcely believe the Relation, and enquired at the Goal whether ſuch a Perſon had been there; he found the Circumſtances to be true, and aſtoniſhed at the unſhaken Integrity of the Man, who could ſuffer the Severities of a Priſon, rather than do a Thing ſcarcely diſhonourable, and in which he never could have been detected, very generouſly made him a Preſent of half the Money; declaring that his Influence ſhould be exerted to its full Extent to ſerve him.

July 19. A whimſical Affair happened lately at Vauxhall: Some Gentlemen were ſupping in one of the Pavilions, when all left their Places to hear a Song from the Orcheſtra except one, who was eating ſome Beef: As he ſat, there came up to him a Gentleman, who, with an arch Leer, aſked him why he eat this Beef without Vinegar? He replyed coolly, that he did not like Vinegar with Beef: The other ſaid that was odd, and taking up the Vinegar Cruet, told him he muſt eat Vinegar with it, and immediately poured ſome into his Plate: The Gentleman expreſſed no Reſentment, but ſaid, he ſuppoſed he did this in Conſequence of ſome Wager: The other reply'd no, but that he muſt, and ſhould eat the Vinegar, which the Gentleman, to oblige him, did take a Piece of the Beef with Vinegar and eat it. This did not ſatisfy the other Gentleman, he inſiſted upon his eating all the Vinegar, which he not chuſing to comply with, grew warm, expreſſed his Reſentment, and told the other he could no longer bear the Joke, but muſt have Satisfaction for the Affront: The Friends of the Perſon who had acted ſo abſurdly & rudely coming up at this Time, made up the Quarrel, and obliged their Friend to aſk Pardon for the Inſult, and then retired. Soon after, the Song being ended, the Company returned to their Friend, who told them the Story: They blamed him for putting up the Affront, and ſaid they did not believe he had received ſuch Acknowledgment, and inſiſted upon his aſking Satisfaction again, or they would not ſtay in his Company. They ſoon met the other Party, and the aggrieved Gentleman told the Perſon who had affronted him, that his Friends would not permit him to receive the Acknowledgment he had made, but required of him to demand to fight him; on which an Officer in Company with the Challenged engaged in the Diſpute, ſaid his Friend had aſked Pardon, and ſhould therefore give no farther Satisfaction, eſpecially as the Perſon who had been affronted had accepted his Acknowledgment; and that if any Gentleman among them dared diſpute the Truth of this, or was not ſatisfied, he was himſelf ready to withdraw with him; on which they thought proper to drop the Affair and retreat.

As there are many Perſons of all Ranks that frequently paſs their Evenings at Cards, purely for Amuſement, and without deſiring to enrich themſelves at the Expence of their Neighbours, it is recommended to their Conſideration, Whether the Card Money, which in the End will be found all that they play for, might not be ſufficient, under a proper Direction, to diſcharge all the impriſon'd Debtors that are poor Objects of Compaſſion? By which their Diverſions might be rendered not only innocent, but laudable, and what is now very properly called Killing of Time, converted into reſtoring Life to diſtreſſed Families.

Auguſt 15. By a private Letter from Paris we learn, that an eminent Burgeſs of that City, who had acquired about *twelve Thouſand* Livres by his Trade, laid it out in *Annuities*, and died in a very few Days after, leaving a Wife and Daughter in very narrow Circumſtances. Theſe poor Women being brought into the King's Preſence by the Duke *de Richlieu*, threw themſelves at his Majeſty's Feet, and acquainted him with their *melancholy Situation*, when he was graciouſly pleaſed to order the *Annuity* to be continued for their joint Lives. —— *This Charity was truly Royal; but at the ſame Time the Caſe plainly ſhews, what terrible Effects naturally ſpring from encouraging this new Scheme for caſing the Finances.*

On Thurſday laſt Lieutenant-General Wolf's Regiment of Foot, lately come from Gibraltar, arrived at Saliſbury, where their Stay, we hear, will be ſome Time.

Thomas Jones, James Welch, and James Nicholls, committed to the New Goal Southwark, by William Clark, Eſq; charged on Oath, on an Information of the ſaid Nicholls taken in Writing, with forcing from him the Perſon of Sarah Green, on the 23d Day of July 1748, in the Evening, in a Place called Parſon's Walk, near Newington Church-Yard, in the County of Surry, and then and there aſſaulting, wounding, and ill-treating her, of which Wounds ſhe died in St. Thomas's-Hoſpital. This is the inhuman Murder that Mr. Richard Coleman ſuffer'd for. Various have been the Opinions touching the Guilt of that poor Man, who left the World declaring his Innocence in the moſt ſolemn Manner. —— *Providence, the wiſe Diſpoſer of all Things, has now cleared up the Obſcurity of that Fact, and theſe Miſcreants, who have been guilty of a double Murder, brought to their deſerved Puniſhment. This is the ſecond Inſtance within theſe few Years of the Innocent ſuffering Death wrongfully in the County of Surry. How ſhock this to human Nature! And how careful ought Mankind to be how they ſwear, where the Life of their Fellow-Creatures are concerned! For according to the old Adage, it is better that Ninety-nine guilty Perſons ſhould eſcape, than one Innocent Perſon ſuffer.*

Auguſt 17. By Letters from Copenhagen we find that that Court has received ſome Intelligence of the ſmall Squadron that ſailed from thence on a Secret Expedition a little before Commodore Rodney was ſent out in Search of a New Iſland, and that the ſaid Squadron is arrived at the Place of its Deſtination; but in what Country or Latitude that Place lies, was not yet known to the Publick.

We hear that the Marquis de Mirepoix had ſome Days ago a Conference with the Earl of Holderneſs, and delivered to his Lordſhip a Memorial concerning two armed Veſſels, belonging to the French, which were taken by the Engliſh about ten Months ago in the Sea of Nova-Scotia, and carried into Halifax, where they were condemned and declared good Prizes. 'Tis ſaid the French King inſiſts upon the immediately Reſtitution of thoſe two Ships.

By a Letter from Donaghadee in the North of Ireland, we have the following melancholy Advice, viz. that on the firſt of this Month, at ten o'Clock in the Morning, about a League to the Southward of Copeland Iſles, a large Ship called the Duke of Cumberland, of Whitehaven, Joſeph Bowman, Maſter bound for Virginia, with Bale Goods, took Fire, and about Twelve o'Clock blew up; Twenty-one Sailors and Paſſengers took to the Yawl, in the utmoſt Diſtreſs, with only one Oar, and the Sea running very high, they muſt inevitable have periſhed, if they had not been ſeen by the King's Barge, who gave them Aſſiſtance and brought them all ſafe into Donaghadee, together with ſome of the Bale Goods which they took up floating, and lodged in his Majeſty's Stores. The Ship ſunk immediately after the Gun-Powder took Fire.

Auguſt 20. Private Letters from Seville, and other Parts of Spain, inform us, that they, are executing gradually but with the utmoſt Diligence, in that Kingdom, all the Schemes that have been lately formed in Order

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to reſtore the Affair of the Monarchy, at Home and Abroad; and that at this Juncture their Marine is in a better Condition than it has ever been ſince the Reign of Philip the Second.

Auguſt 24. This Day Thomas Colley, for the cruel Murder of Ruth Oſborne, on Suppoſition of her being a Witch, was executed at Gubblecut-Croſs, near Marſton-Green, in the Pariſh of Tring, in Hertfordſhire. About 10 on Friday Morning he received the Sacrament at Hertford, adminiſtered to him by the Rev. Mr. Edward Bouchier, when he ſigned a ſolemn Declaration of his Belief relating to Witchcraft; which he deſired might be carried to the Place of Execution, and was there publickly read, at his earneſt Requeſt, juſt before he was turned off, by the Rev. Mr. Randal, Miniſter of Tring, who attended him in his laſt Moments. He was eſcorted by 108 Men belonging to the Regiment of Horſe Blue, with their Officers, and two Trumpets; and the Proceſſion was ſlow, ſolemn, and moving. Friday Night he was lodged in St. Alban's Goal; at Five the next Morning was put into a One-Horſe Chaiſe, with the Executioner, and came to the Place of Execution about Eleven, and after half an Hour ſpent in Prayer he was executed, and immediately after hung up in Chains on the ſame Gibbet he was hanged on. The Infatuation of moſt of the People in that Part of the Country was ſuch, that they would not be ſeen near the Place of Execution, inſiſting that it was a hard Caſe to hang a Man for deſtroying an old Woman that had done ſo much Damage by her Witchcraft. It was ſaid, he was to have been executed a Week ſooner, but when the proper Officers came to convey him from the Goal, a prodigious Mob aſſembled, and would not ſuffer him to be taken out of Priſon.

His Declaration, above-mentioned, was as follows.

Good People,

I BESEECH you all to take Warning by an unhappy Man's Suffering; that you be not deluded into ſo abſurd and wicked a Conceit, as to believe that there are any ſuch Beings upon Earth as Witches.

It was that fooliſh and vain Imagination, heightened and inflamed by the Strength of Liquor, which prompted me to be inſtrumental (with others as mad-brained as myſelf) in the horrid and barbarous Murder of Ruth Oſborne, the ſuppoſed Witch, for which I am now ſo deſervedly to ſuffer Death.

I am fully convinced of my former Error, and with the Sincerity of a dying Man, declare, that I do not believe there is ſuch a Thing in being as a Witch; and pray God, that none of you, thro' a contrary Perſuaſion, may hereafter be induced to think, that you have a Right in any Shape to perſecute, much leſs to endanger the Life of a Fellow-Creature.

I beg of you all to pray to God to forgive me, and to waſh clean my polluted Soul in the Blood of Jeſus Chriſt, my Saviour and Redeemer.

So exhorteth you all, the dying

Thomas Colley.

Auguſt 27. On Friday laſt arrived in the River a Ship, ſuppoſed to have been loſt, with Tranſports on Board, who, on going out, found Means, to ſaw of their Irons, and murder the Captain; but ſoon after the Sailors riſing, overcame them, and have brought the Ship back again to England.

Auguſt 31. Laſt Week an Apprentice to a Poulterer in Leadenhall-Market, broke open a Deſk belonging to his Maſter, and took away in Caſh to the amount of 100 *l.* after which he went into his Stable, ſaddled his Horſe, and rode off with the Money, leaving a Letter in the Deſk, with the following impudent Lines, viz. *Sir, I have made free to borrow your Money and Horſe, and am gone for Dover, and from thence to France, and when I return I will pay you again.*

Sept. 21. On Thurſday his Excellency the Earl of Albemarle ſet out with a great Retinue, for Paris.

We hear a Proclamation will be publiſhed the latter End of next Week, for the Meeting of the Parliament for the Diſpatch of Buſineſs on the 12th or 14th of November next.

On Thurſday, at the Entertainment at Apothecaries-Hall on the Confirmation of a new Maſter and Wardens, the Company was preſented with the Picture of one of the firſt Members, in King James the Firſt's Time, remarkable for his Preſervation. This Gentleman was perſecuted for his Religion in France, and ſo cruelly uſed, as to be, among other Hardſhips, in Danger of ſtarving for Want of Food, when Providence directed a Hen to find her Way into the Priſon, who laid him an Egg every Day, which ſupported him 'til he made his Eſcape into England.

On Thurſday Evening, at the Aſſembly at Kingſton upon Thames, (where there was a very gay Appearance of Ladies and Gentlemen) on the Company's breaking up, the Maid going to the Door to light them out, was unfortunately ſtruck Blind by a violent Flaſh of Lightening.

Yeſterday the Tranſports from the New Goal, Southwark, were ſhipped at Blackwall for America; and this Day thoſe from Newgate were put into a cloſe Lighter at Black-Fryars, to be alſo ſhipp'd for America.

They write from Elſineur of the 14th Inſtant, that a large Ship took Fire on the Eaſterly Part of Norway: She fired ſeveral Guns of Diſtreſs, and a great many Ships bore down towards her, but before they could give her any Aſſiſtance, ſhe blew up, and the Crew periſh'd. They could not learn what Nation ſhe belonged to.

A great Number of Dutch Ships are loſt and ſtranded in the Categut.

Sept. 24. We hear that his Majeſty intends next Summer to viſit his German Dominions.

And that his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland will accompany his Majeſty thither.

On Sunday the Dutcheſs de Mirepoix, Lady of his Excellency the French Embaſſador, ſet out with a great Equipage from her Houſe in Groſvenor Square for France, to reſide there for her Health. His Excellency the Duke de Mirepoix attended her ſome Part of the Way to Dover.

Saturday Night, during the ſecond Scene of the Entertainment after the Play, at Drury-Lane Theatre, the Audience was terribly alarmed by a Noiſe from behind the Boxes, occaſioned by two Gentlemen quarrelling and drawing Swords, which produced a Rumour of Fire, and was inſtantly ſpread throughout the Houſe: The Confuſion was general, and many People hurt in attempting to force their Way out; a Woman in the front Row of the firſt Gallery had got one Leg over, and was with Difficulty prevented, by a Man that ſat next her, from throwing herſelf into the Pit.

Laſt Week happen'd the following very melancholy Accident: Mr. Dubuy, Confectioner to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, in Norris Street, in the Hay Market, being on Friday Evening at a Tavern near Pall Mall, with an eminent Chymiſt, who was his intimate Friend and Neighbour, of a ſudden complained of a violent Pain in his Side, which he frequently laboured under; his Friend endeavoued to perſuade him, that he would ſoon get the better of it, if he would go immediately to Bed, and take in the Morning a Doſe of Phyſick that he would ſend him for that Purpoſe: Accordingly the Draught had its deſired Effect; and on Saturday Morning he was ſeemingly quite recovered, and at his own Door. His Friend, was glad to find him ſo much better when he came in the Morning, thought it adviſeable to order him a ſecond Doſe, which one of his Servants being left to prepare (and at the ſame Time ſeveral Cheſts of Medicines being packed in the Shop for Exportation) by ſome unhappy Means, a Phial, containing a Liquid of a poiſonous Nature, was ſent inſtead; which, on the Patient's ſwallowing, he was immediately taken ſpeechleſs, and in two Hours after died in great Agony, to the inexpreſſible Grief of all who knew him.

On Friday Forty Convicts were conveyed from the New Goal, Southwark, on Board a cloſe Lighter at Tooly's Water Gate, in order to be tranſported to ſome of his Majeſty's Plantations in America, purſuant to their Sentence. They are ſome of the moſt wicked Wretches that have been ſent Abroad in this Manner for ſome Time paſt. They have, while under their Confinement, made ſeveral Efforts to eſcape, but by the great Vigilance of the Keeper, who is very circumſpect in his Duty, were prevented.

Sept. 26. From Peterſbourg we hear, the Empreſs of Ruſſia has of late taken ſuch a Fancy to the Dreſs of the Engliſh Ladies, that ſhe has deſired to have Dolls ſent over from London, compleatly attired in the various Dreſſes now in Faſhion at Court and in the City, as alſo the Deſhabile and the Riding Habits; her Imperial Majeſty intending to introduce the ſame at her Court: Though its feared ſome material Alterations may happen here, e're the Dolls can be compleatly rigg'd, or at leaſt before they reach Peterſbourg, one Moon being ſufficient to give a Turn to Faſhions.

They write from Copenhagen, that a Ship arrived there ſome Drys ago from the Coaſt of Morocco, with a particular Account of the Arrangements made at Saffia and Santa Croce in Favour of the Danes; whereby it appears that that Nation will clear annually about two Millions of Rix Dollars by that new Settlement.

By Letters from Paris we are informed, that the French King has taken off Four Millions of the Taxes.

A few Days ago was launched at Breſt, the Bizarre, a Man of War of 74 Guns; in the Building of which a great Number of Engliſh Carpenters were employed.

Letters from Toulon take Notice, that they continue hard at Work on the Marine; and that they ſhall launch two new Men of War in the Beginning of October, and ſeveral more in a few Weeks after.

We are informed, that at the Sale of Raw Silk in France, it ſold from 15 Livres 10 Sols per Pound to 17 Livres.

The Society's nine Buſſes, now fiſhing off Yarmouth, have had wonderful Succeſs, they having, within the Space of ſeven or eight Days, caught between them near 1000 Barrels of Herrings.

Laſt Thurſday Night a Centinel on Duty at Leiceſter Houſe was ſtruck down by the Lightning, and remained ſpeechleſs a conſiderable Time.

The ſame Night a Servant Maid, at the Croſs Keys in Holborn, as ſhe was ſhutting up a Window, received a Flaſh of Lightening in her Face, of which ſhe has been ever ſince blind.

The Ship lately burnt on the Coaſt of Norway, proves to be a Daniſh Guineaman, homeward bound.

WILLIAMSBURG, December 5.

On *Saturday* laſt, being the Day appointed by the Charter of this City, for electing a Mayor, *John Blair*, Jun. Eſq; was choſen into that Office for the enſuing Year. *John Randolph*, Eſq; is choſen of the Common Council.

Yeſterday the Preſident and Maſters of *William* and *Mary* College, waited on His Honour the Governor, and preſented the following Addreſs.

To the Honourable ROBERT DINWIDDIE; *Eſq; his Majeſty's Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of* Virginia. *The humble Addreſs of the Preſident, and Maſters, of the College of* William *and* Mary.

SIR,

WE, his Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Preſident, and Maſters, of the College of *William* and *Mary*, humbly beg leave to congratulate your Honour upon your ſafe Arrival, with your Family, in this Dominion.

We moſt thankfully acknowledge his Majeſty's paternal Attention to the Public Welfare, who, in order to continue and perpetuate the many Bleſſings we enjoyed under Sir *William Gooch*'s mild and auſpicious Government, has been graciouſly pleaſed to appoint a Succeſſor of approved Integrity; qualified to repair the great Loſs we have lately ſuſtained; and to ſet ſuch a Pattern to future Governors, as may make them prove Bleſſings to ſucceeding Generations.

Animated with ſo delightful a Proſpect of Happineſs to us and our Poſterity, we cannot but entertain the pleaſing Hopes of engaging your Favour and Protection to the College, Church and Clergy; who, in Return for ſuch conſiderable Benefits, obliged by Intereſt, as well as Duty, will to their conſtant Endeavours add their fervent Prayers, that your Adminiſtration may be long and proſperous; that Irreligion and Immorality may be diſcouraged and ſuppreſſed; and that this Colony may for ever flouriſh under a Succeſſion of able and upright Rulers.

To which his Honour was pleas'd to return the following ANSWER.

"*Gentlemen,*

"YOUR kind Congratulations for my ſafe Arrival, with my Family, "in this Dominion, I receive with ſincere Thankfulneſs.

"I am very ſenſible of the great Honour his Majeſty has graciouſly "been pleaſed to confer on me, in my Appointment to be Governor of "this Colony, in the Room of Sir *William Gooch*.

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"It is true, I must appear with great Disadvantage, in succeeding that "worthy Gentleman; but his Example may have it's proper Use, and "my Emulation may be animated, and you probably may see, during my "Administration, that a good Man's Influence never dies.

"I have always looked on Seminaries of Learning with an awful Re-"spect, and true Regard. The College of *William* and *Mary* is undoubt-"edly a very great Blessing to *Virginia*.

"The Education of the young Gentlemen in the different Sciences,—— "the Examining into their several Geniuses,——the Cultivating their Minds "with Morality, Virtue, Religion, and Honour, so as to qualify them for "the Service of their Country, is a very great and important Charge, "which is reposed in you.

"I congratulate this Country, in having Gentlemen of your Know-"ledge, Capacity, and exemplary Life, at the Head, and in the sole "Management and Direction, of this great and necessary Trust. Proceed, "Gentlemen, in your usual Endeavours, and I doubt not of a Blessing "and Success to attend your Care in their Education; and I shall watch "every Opportunity, wherein I can be of Use or Service to the College.

"I am with Pleasure engaged and obliged to support the Church, as "by Law established; and the Clergy may always depend on my Coun-"tenance and Protection, as long as their Lives and Conversations are "consistent with the Doctrines they profess, and are engaged to maintain.

"I shall think the Discharge of the Duties of my Appointment more "likely to be happy, as I have your Assurances of your constant Endea-"vours, and fervent Prayers for me, for which I heartily thank you."

The *Greyhound*, Capt. *Gracey*, with 150 Convicts on Board, bound for *Maryland*, is put into *James* River.——*We congratulate the* Marylanders *on the safe Arrival of these* Recruits.

The *Betsey*, Capt. *Sinclair*, from *Bristol*, is arrived in *James* River.

We are inform'd of the Arrival of the following Ships, *viz.* The *Dorothy & Rachael*, *Ross*; the ———, *Johnson*; the *Amy*, *Dixon*; the *Phœnix*, *Honnor*, at *London*. The *Plymouth*, *Lang*; the *Joanna*, *Calvert*; and *Prince Frederick*, *Rogers*, at *Bristol*.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

THIS is to give Notice, That on *Saturday* the 14th of this Instant is to be let, at the Church in *Williamsburg*, to the highest Bidder, by 10 o'Clock, the Plantation whereon *William Stannup* now lives; being the Legacy of *Jonathan Druett*, deceas'd, to *Bruton* Parish, by

2 *William Timson*, *Armistead Burwell*, } Churchwardens.

Williamsburg, *Dec.* 5, 1751.

WHEREAS my Wife *Anne* (since I have been under Misfortunes) hath made away with several of my Goods, I desire all Persons with whom she hath lodged any Thing, to return them to me, immediately; otherwise, upon Discovery of their Retaining any of my Goods, I will prosecute them to the utmost Rigour of the Law: I also forewarn all Persons from harbouring, entertaining, or dealing with her, on any Account whatsoever.

John Barrow.

To be SOLD, by the Subscribers,

ON *Toursday* the 12th of *December* next, (if fair, if not the next fair Day) at *Newtown*, in *Princess Anne* County, to the highest Bidder, for ready Money or three Months Credit, giving Bond and Security as usual, a new Schooner burthen about Eighty Tons, has made only one Voyage, with all her Rigging, Tackle, *&c.* she is well fitted with all Necessaries fit for the Sea, she is a good Frame, and well bound with Iron, her Rigging and Sails all new when she went to Sea.

2 *William Russell*, and *David M'Donalan.*

To be SOLD, on reasonable Terms,

A TRACT of good Land, containing 375 Acres, well wooded and watered, lying on *M'Chunck* Creek, bounded on *Rivanna* River, in *Goochland* or *Albemarle* County, formerly possessed by Mr. *James Wheeley*. Any Gentleman inclinable to purchase the same may know the Terms by applying, at any Time, to the Subscriber, at *Norfolk* Borough, or at the House of Mr. *Henry Wetherburn*, in *Williamsburg*, at the Court of *Oyer* and *Terminer* in *December* Instant.

Alexander Foss.

WANTED,

A CABINET or Chair-maker, who understands his Business. Any such may hear of Employment on applying to the Printer.

Likewise, any Gentleman that has a Servant Man's Time to dispose of, qualified as above-mentioned, may have a good Price on applying to the Printer.

To be Sold to the highest Bidder (pursuant to the Will of James Johnson, *late of* Charles-City *County) on the first Day of* January *next,*

A TRACT of Land joining upon *James River*, opposite to Col. *Nathaniel Harrison*'s Seat, at *Martin*'s *Brandon*, containing 312 Acres, with a good new Store-house, a Stable and Corn-Cribb, and a fine young Apple-Orchard, with the best Sort of Fruit upon it. The Sale to be upon the Premisses, and Six Months Credit will be allowed the Purchaser for Payment of the Money, upon his giving Bond and Security, to

8 *Richard Cocke*, *Benjamin Cocke*, } Executors.

AS the Subscriber intends to leave this Colony in 6 or 8 Months, he proposes to let the Plantation of *Maycox*, in *Prince George* County, on *James* River, containing 600 Acres of good Land for Tobacco, Corn, Wheat, or Pasturage, on which is a commodious Brick Dwelling-House, two Story high, 64 by 42, with Cellars, a Brick Kitchen and other convenient Houses; also the Warehouse of *Maycox*, a publick Ferry to *Westover*, a Store-House with a Room and Brick Chimney, and Warehouse well situate to Trade.

Also a Plantation about 6 Miles from *Maycox*, containing 125 Acres, on which is a Mill; and another Plantation, distant about 12 Miles from *Maycox* and 6 from the Mill, of 900 Acres, both provided with Houses and what else is necessary for making Tobacco, Corn, *&c.* together with 25 Slaves, of whom 15 work on the Ground, and the others Tradesmen and House Servants.

Whoever inclines to rent the above, or any Part thereof, may apply to the Subscriber, at *Maycox*, who will let them know the Terms.

t. f. *G. M'Murdo.*

To be SOLD, for ready Money, at the Court of Oyer *and* Terminer,

A VERY good Dwelling-House, with all necessary Conveniencies, situate in the City of *Williamsburg*, lately belonging to Mr. *Thomas Dickson*, deceas'd, the Purchaser to enter on the Premisses immediately. 5

To be SOLD, on the first Thursday *in* January *next, for ready Money,*

A LARGE Parcel of choice valuable Slaves, at the Plantation of Major *William Walker*, deceas'd, at *Paspetanzey*, in *Stafford* County. t. *j.* 1.

STRAY'D from the Subscriber, in *Glouc*ester County, about the Middle of *June* last, a large dark Bay Draught Horse, branded on the Shoulder A. Whoever brings him to me, or gives Intelligence, so that I may have him again, shall have Half a Pistole Reward; and if taken out of the County a Pistole, paid by

t. f. *Ralph Finch.*

Northampton County, *October* 28. 1751.

RAN away from *York* Town about the 1st of last Month, a *Virginia*-born Negroe Slave named *Tom*, belonging to the Subscriber; he is about 28 Years of Age, near 6 Feet high, and has had the Small-pox: It is suppos'd that he took with him a black Mare, near *York* Town, and is gone either to *Goochland* County after his Wife, who was lately purchased and carried to the said County by *John Carlisle* Merchant, residing there, or towards *North-Carolina*. He took with him a Pair of blue Cloth Breeches, a black Cloth Vest, two close-bodied Cloth Coats, one of them of an Orange Colour, a dark colour'd great Coat with Brass Buttons, Worsted Stockings, and *English* Shoes pretty much worn, a fine Castor Hat Rat-eaten at the Brim, and other Cloaths; also several fine and coarse Shirts. Whoever apprehends and brings him to Mr. *Gibbons*, at *York*, shall have Five Pistoles if taken in *Virginia*, and Ten Pistoles Reward if taken out of *Virginia*, besides what the Law allows, paid by

6 *Griffin Stith.*

Mr. *HUNTER*,

AS I am about an Abridgment of the new Laws, the Copy of which will be complete by the General Court; I have been prevailed on to print it, if I have a Prospect of saving myself, though the Treatment I met from the Subscribers to the last, had determined me never to be again concerned in an Undertaking of the like Kind: You must be sensible that near 1200 of that Edition were left upon my Hands by the Subscribers, after they were not only printed but bound, so that besides fifteen Years Interest of 400 and odd Pounds which that Edition cost me, I have not only lost all my own Labour but am above 30 Pounds out of Pocket, I therefore propose,

That the Abridgment shall be printed on as good a Paper, and with as good a Letter as the last, and be well bound in Calf, and lettered on the Back.

That every Act of Assembly shall be abridged under its proper Head; but where any Act contains different Matters, such Part or Parts of it, as relate to every distinct Matter shall be abridged under several and distinct Heads.

That there shall be annexed Tables of the Powers and Authorities given to, and the Injunctions laid on every County Court, Justice of the Peace, and every Officer whatsoever in this Colony, with the Penalties inflicted on every Breach of Duty.

That proper Tables shall be added to render the Whole complete.

Every Subscriber to pay a Piece of Eight upon subscribing, for which a Receipt will be given, and a Note to deliver a Book on the Payment of Five Shillings more.

As the Disappointment I have already met with, will be a sufficient Caution to me not to print a greater Number than are subscribed for: All Persons willing to subscribe are desired to send their Names, and Places of Abode, to *Williamsburg*; where constant Attendance will be given, at my Lodgings, during the Sitting of the General Court, to deliver out Receipts: They may likewise be had of Mr. *Charles Dick*, at *Fredericksburg*, and at the *Printing-Office*.

When the Books are ready to be delivered to the Subscribers, Notice will be given of it in the *Virginia Gazette*, and continued for some Time, and the Books may be had at my House, or at the *Printing-Office* in *Williamsburg*; but if any of the Subscribers fail to produce their Receipts, and demand their Books fifteen Months after Publication of such Notice, what Books are then left will be disposed of to any Person that will purchase them, and the Subscribers will lose their Subscription Money

As soon as 400 Books are subscribed for, the Copy will be sent to Press, and printed off with all Expedition.

I purpose, as long as I live, to abridge the Laws of every succeeding Session, as a Continuation, which shall be sold at the lowest Price it can be afforded, in which will be particularly noted every Act and Clause that is from Time to Time altered or repealed, and all new Powers and Authorities given to, or Injunctions laid on Courts or Officers.

John Mercer.

To be SOLD, by the Subscriber, living in Prince George *County, on the Premisses,*

FOURTEEN Hundred Acres of Land, containing both valuable high and low Grounds, affords good Water, good Pasturage, and is well timber'd with large Oak, Pine and Poplar, whereon are three good Plantations, in good Order for Cropping; and the Manor Plantation is a very handsome Situation, with the following Conveniencies, *viz.* One Dwelling-house 38 by 25, containing 4 Rooms and 4 Closets, with 2 Brick Chimneys, plaister'd and white-wash'd, also another Dwelling-house 38 by 18, with a Stack of Chimneys in the Middle, 2 Rooms on a Floor, and a large Closet, plaister'd and white-wash'd, a good Dairy, Meat-house, Smoak-house, Kitchen, Quarter, Spinning-house with a Brick Chimney, one 40 and one 32 Feet Tobacco Houses, a large well fix'd Store, with several other convenient Houses and Orchards; and on each of the other Plantations are two 32 Feet Tobacco Houses, an Overseer's House, and Negroe Quarters, likewise Orchards, and good Water.

Any Person inclinable to purchase may know the Terms by applying to the Subscriber, on the Premisses.

t. f. *Thomas Eldridge.*

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